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China Closes Red Dairen To "All Foreign Ships"

Nanking, Aug. 20.
China's Executive Yuan today ordered the Soviet-controlled Chinese Port Dairen closed to "all foreign shipping." The order said any vessel entering or leaving the port would be guilty of illegal operations in Chinese waters. Government spokesman Hollington Tong confirmed the Yuan's action.

Tong said the Government was "paying close attention to frequent reports of Soviet ships from Dairen supplying the Chinese Communist forces in the Shantung Peninsula."

He added that "no foreign ships will be allowed to engage in coastal trading in China."

"Dairen, as a port under Chinese jurisdiction, should not be used by any foreign power."

Other sources said the Yuan acted under a regulation late March wherein certain Chinese ports were closed to foreign shipping.—Associated Press.

Officials Silent On Toll Of Huge Cadiz Blast

Cadiz, Aug. 20.
National officials declined today to release the casualty figures in Monday night's mammoth explosion as rescue teams delved into the piles of debris still seeking the bodies of victims.

The toll is unofficially estimated at 800 dead and 7,000 injured and submarine defence bases are situated between the highway and the railway. The shipyards were on the left.

Sappers burrowed all night in the mountains of rubble of the stricken districts.

Today they worked under a roar tropical sun and a nauseating stench rose from the ruins.

Local newspapers estimated property damage at a quarter billion pesetas — \$25,000,000—but there was nothing official on this.

The undamaged areas of the city quickly recovered from the shock and electric power was restored today.

Hundreds, however, are homeless and thousands jobless.

Cadiz tonight is without water or light. The fires which raged for 17 hours were brought under control late today while hundreds of searchers still dug in the debris for the bodies of the casualties in what some described as the worst disaster of the twentieth century.—United Press.

Buried

Property damage runs into millions of pesetas.

An undetermined number of 700 workers on the night shift in the torpedo factory were buried in the debris. A 60,000-tonne peseta oil tanker under construction was smashed as the Larranaga Echevarrieta shipyards were levelled.

Major Jerez Frontiers reported that both the districts of San Severino and San Jose were almost completely devastated. The main part of Cadiz was not seriously damaged because of its distance from the explosion.

Central Cadiz is on the tip of a promontory while the devastated region is on the base of a peninsula. San Severino is located at the entrance from the mainland. The torpedo factory

Future Of Imperial Preference In The Balance

Geneva, August 20.
The future of imperial preferences will rank high in the agenda of talks between Mr. W. Clayton (United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs) and Sir Stafford Cripps (President of the Board of Trade).

The talks are scheduled to start in London one day this week—probably Thursday. United States sources said today

Mr. Clayton, who left Geneva yesterday for Paris, was scheduled to proceed to London today where he would be joined by Clair Wilcox, acting head of the United States delegation to the Trade and Employment Conference in Geneva, sources added.

It is understood that Mr. Clayton will urge the United Kingdom to make concessions for a reduction of Imperial preferences with a view to eventual gradual dismantling of the system.

Informed sources said that Mr. Clayton would not ask for abandonment of imperial preferences "overnight"—United Press.

Chinese Red Strongpoints Reported To Be Captured

Nanking, Aug. 20.
Two Communist strongholds in Northern Shensi — Michieh and Sutch, 40 and 60 miles southeast of Yulin respectively—have been recaptured by Government forces, Information Director Hollington Tong announced today.

At the same time Tong announced that Government forces in Shantung have driven a wedge into the Communist position on the Kiaochow Pedital.

One Government unit has reached Yangchikuo, on the coast of Lai-chow Bay 100 miles northeast of Tsinan, thus cutting off the Communist supply line between Shantung and Honan, he said.

Tong claimed that in Western Shantung only 1,000 of Communist General Liu Po-chia's troops succeeded in crossing the Yellow River.

The Communists stripped the

train of repair equipment and captured ten technicians.

General Wedemeyer (President Truman's special envoy) returned to Nanking late this afternoon after spending a day in Shanghai.

The American Embassy statement said that General Wedemeyer's secret Shanghai visit was for the purpose of completing his local inquiry of several major unclassified during his recent visit.

Observers thought he might have been interested in Shangha's reaction to the new Chinese Government financial regulations.—United Press.

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Occupation Debts....

New Order For Payment Asks "Scaling Down" Of Claims

All cheques, promissory notes and I.O.U.'s signed during the Japanese occupation and which were surrendered to the Controller of Currency in September 1945, are now to be released.

This was announced by the Secretary of State for the Colonies yesterday.

It was originally proposed that the cheques should not be released until the lifting of the Moratorium.

This decision has been modified in response to representations that some debtors who wish to make arrangements with their creditors now do so.

Creditors are being urged to scale down their claims in view of the unrealistic rates of exchange which ruled at the time the cheques were signed.

It has been suggested that the rates for Japanese military currency be adopted.

Government proposes to afford help by appointing a small unofficial board who will be prepared on the request of both parties to act as arbitrators in the event of a disagreement.

Any applications for the assistance of this board should be addressed to the Assistant Financial Secretary.

The Secretary of State advises that the addresses of those to whom cheques have to be returned are in some instances unknown.

Nevertheless individuals who do not receive back their cheques at once are requested NOT to write to Government, but to await a further announcement.

ANAMITE SPOKESMAN FORECASTS EARLY TRUCE IN INDO-CHINA

M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China now in conference with the French Government in Paris, is expected in Saigon this weekend to announce the French Government's decision on proposals for bringing fighting in Indo-China to an end.

Mr. Luu Duc Trung, official spokesman for Emperor of Annam; Bao Dai, told this to the "China Mail" yesterday.

Luu Duc Trung, who also heads United Front and were fighting against the French, as well as against Ho Chi Minh's forces.

There was little coordination among the underground United Front leaders owing to lack of transportation and communication, he added.

The 46-year-old, foreign-educated spokesman disclosed that French representatives had been in contact with Emperor Bao Dai and leaders of the United Front since last February.

The French were convinced that the only way to end war in Indo-China was to give the nation independence and unity and a government of their own choice.

Luu Duc Trung, adviser to the former Foreign and Finance Ministers of the Viet Nam Government, added that although it was against the personal wishes of Bao Dai it would be quite essential for the unification of the Viet Nam to re-establish the monarchy with Bao Dai enthroned.

Anti-Red

This was the only way to frustrate attempts to Sovietise the country and to stem the Communist tide in this part of the world.

Besides, he stressed, the people in Indo-China have been clamouring for the return of their Emperor to end their suffering and unite the nation.

Luu Duc Trung said that agents already had been sent to Indo-China to contact underground leaders to prepare for the welcome of Bao Dai who expects to end his two-year exile in Hong Kong shortly and continue the 400-year-old Nguyen dynasty in peace.

Luu emphasised that, after gaining independence, Viet Nam would become a free state within the French Union and would rely on the Allied nations, particularly France, for assistance, including financial and technical aid.

Ack U.S. Aid

He added that Viet Nam would make special efforts to cultivate the friendship of the United States for support since America has become the bulwark against Communism in the world.

Asked how Bao Dai would deal with Ho Chi Minh and his armed forces, Luu Duc Trung replied that Bao Dai might invite Ho to become one of the advisors in the government if he supports the new government unconditionally.

Luu continued that he was convinced that 90 percent of Ho's forces would join the new government when Bao Dai assumes power since the majority of Ho's men had been forced into joining him.

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First Strike Parleys Deadlocked: Latest Moves

In a three-hour parley yesterday afternoon, officials of the Chinese Engineers' Institute met representatives of the dockyards to begin negotiations for a settlement of the mechanics strike.

The meeting was presided over by the Labour Officer (Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins). Representatives from the workers clubs of the three dockyards were also present.

The employers' representatives were understood to have the deadline for the final walk-out of the remaining mechanical staff at their cold storage installation falls at 4 p.m. today.

In conversation with the men's representative, the "China Mail" was told the men had a grudge against the management because the strikers who lived at the Company's quarters received an immediate marching order on the day they handed over.

The 50 or so men of the mechanical staff at the Tytan Tuk Pumping Station walked out yesterday in pursuance of the notice they gave the previous day.

Threat

Latest threat of depletion in the Waterworks Staff came from the mechanical staff of the Shing Mun Reservoir, Kowloon who intimated yesterday that they intended to join the strikers.

The intimation was made after hearing the report that the employers had offered a 20 percent increase only.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Institute last night made an urgent appeal to their members employed at the Waterworks not to come out on strike to-day.

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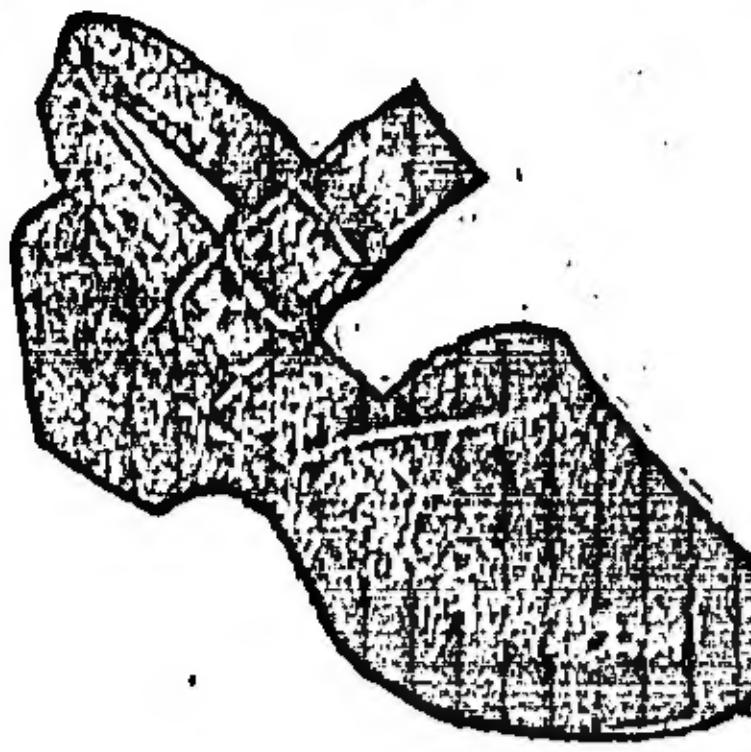
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SCHOOLS TO BE MORE RIGIDLY CONTROLLED

Stricter control of non-Government educational facilities in the Colony is provided by an amendment to the Education Ordinance, 1913, to be introduced in Legislative Council today.

Section 10 of the principal Ordinance is repealed and replaced as follows:

It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to make regulations in respect of the following matters:

(a) the hygienic character and proper sanitation of school buildings and the taking of precautions against fire or other peril likely to endanger the lives or health of the pupils or other persons frequenting the school or school buildings;

(b) the methods of enforcement of discipline in schools;

(c) the prohibition in schools of the use of any book which appears undesirable;

(d) the proper keeping and the production or delivery for inspection of school registers and books of account of schools;

(e) the control of fees and other charges made by schools;

(f) any other matters regarding the proper conduct and efficiency of schools;

(g) the amending of the forms in the Schedule to this Ordinance or for substituting new forms;

(h) in general the carrying of this Ordinance into effect.

As a result stamp duty is collected only at the initial stage when the blank transfer is executed, and thereafter, all subsequent transfers in the series escape duty.

Brokers' "bought notes" and "sold notes" on the other hand, are stamped when each sale in the series takes place as it is necessary for the broker, in his own interests, to ensure that a properly executed contract note comes into existence to record the terms of the sale but as the amount of duty payable on these bought and sold notes is only nominal the additional yield to the revenue under this head is comparatively small.

Improvement

It is considered that if the duties on the two instruments are reversed so that ad valorem duty is chargeable on brokers' notes and nil on transfer deeds, there will be a considerable improvement in the total revenue derived from Stock Exchange transactions.

Clause 3 of the Bill effects this change by repealing the existing taxation provisions in the principal Ordinance and replacing them by new provisions which impose an ad valorem duty of 10 cents per \$100 on brokers' "bought notes" and a nominal duty of 5¢ on transfers.

In the exceptional case where no broker is involved, there is no provision in the existing law requiring the execution of contract notes, ad valorem duty would not be collected on such transactions following the amendment to the Schedule by Clause 3 of the Bill which removes transfers from the scope of the Ordinance.

To enable the collection of ad valorem duty on such transactions Clause 2 of the Bill provides for the execution of contract notes also in cases where no broker is involved by amendment of section 20 (1) of the Ordinance to extend the obligation of a principal to execute contract notes irrespective of whether or not he is a dealer in shares by way of business.

Ceramic Clay

At today's Meeting the Honorable R. D. Gillespie, will ask:

With reference to the recent correspondence in the Press on the subject of the export of Ceramic Clay to Japan, would Government care to state the position?

The Attorney General will move:

That the rules made by the Board of Inland Revenue on 24th day of June, 1947, under Section 86 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, Ordinance No. 20 of 1947, be approved.

The Attorney General will also move the First reading of:

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance, 1921."

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Education Ordinance, 1913."

A Bill intituled "An Ordinance to relieve companies (other than China companies) against their inability or failure since the 8th of December, 1941, to comply with the Companies Ordinance, 1932, to provide for the making of necessary returns by such companies, to provide a means whereby companies can

remedy the loss of registers, records and documents and for other connected matters."

Centenarian Monk Will Open Seven-Day Service For Dead

One of the most impressive religious services in Hong Kong begins at dawn on Saturday when South China's Chief Buddhist Abbot, 101-year-old Hui Wan opens a seven-day Memorial Service for the World Dead at Caroline Hill.

Hui Wan arrived in Hong Kong on Tuesday.

A huge tabernacle has been erected on South China Athletic Association's tennis courts by the Tung Lung Hospital Directorate which is sponsoring the service.

Ministrants, alms have been arranged for participants in the service to install photographs of deceased relatives and friends for whom prayers are recited.

Donations for altars at different places in the tabernacle range from \$10 to \$500.

The "China Mail" was told yesterday that "thousands" of donors have taken up altars.

A special altar, for which a fee was fixed at \$8,000, has been taken up by Mr. Wong Chi-ko, a leading Chinese merchant.

Twenty-four Buddhist monks from Swatow are expected to arrive here in time to participate in the memorial service.

The services will start at dawn and end at 12:30 p.m.

Inniskillings Bring Proud Record With Them

The 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 27th Foot, which arrived in the Colony yesterday, has a history of which it may be justly proud.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, raised in 1689, has the distinction of being the oldest Irish Regiment.

The Regiment first distinguished itself in the West Indies, gaining battle honours at Martinique (1762) and later at Havannah and St. Lucia (1778-9).

Fourteen years later the Regiment took a very active part in the Peninsular War in Spain.

The culmination of the Napoleonic Wars saw the Regiment forming part of the famous "British Square" at Waterloo.

Battalions of the Regiment later served with distinction in Egypt, South Africa and Central India, returning to South Africa to take part in the South African War (1899-1902).

In World War I thirteen Battalions of the Regiment added further honours to its record, serving in almost every theatre of war from France and Flanders to Gallipoli and Palestine.

Negligence Caused Two To Meet Death

"By your negligence you have caused the death of two people. Traffic Regulation 131 is designed to avoid accidents like this. I have to take a serious view of the case."

These remarks were addressed by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Li Kwok-ping, 32, driver of lorry 6092, whom he sentenced to nine months' hard labour on a charge of careless driving and carrying 12 excess passengers on July 31.

Defendant's licence was recommended to be suspended for 12 months.

The case arose out of an accident at Tai Po Road, between the 6½ and 7½ mile stones, at 12:10 p.m. when lorry 6092 dropped over a cliff and fell 150 feet. As a result, two passengers were killed and the remainder, including defendant, injured.

Two of the passengers, Leung Ying and Ho Tin, testified yesterday that there were two persons sitting inside the cab, talking with the driver during the trip in from Sheung Shui. They also stated that the lorry was going at such a speed that the passengers were swaying from side to side.

Defendant, in evidence, denied that he was going at an excessive speed, and attributed the accident to the engine "going dead" resulting in his inability to control the vehicle.

He stated that he left Sheung Shui at 11 a.m., stopped for about 10 minutes at Fanling and three minutes at Tai Po, and arrived at the spot where the accident took place at 12:10 p.m. That, he contended, showed that he was not going at a fast speed.

Before passing sentence, His Worship commented on the fact that the accident did not seem to have been a lesson to anyone "as we have been having quite a number of summonses for breach of Regulation 131." (This stipulates that no lorry may carry more than six passengers).

MANILA FRAUD CHARGES

Manila, Aug. 20. Three officials of the Sugarcane Property Commission were charged today with attempting to defraud the Philippine government of surplus property valued at close to 2,800,000 pesos in information filed with the City Fiscal's Office by the National Bureau of Investigation.—United Press.

Dropped To Draw

Instead of obeying the order the two men dropped their hands to their girdles and made up to draw their guns, at the same time commencing to run away.

Det. Kwan King's warning to "stop or we fire" was ignored, whereupon the detective opened fire. One of the men fled while the other escaped.

Medical evidence given by Dr. Alvarez, showed that the bullet entered by the left buttock, fractured the left hip bone, passed into the abdominal cavity, perforated various loops of the intestines and passed into the front thigh.

It was extracted from near the midline of the right groin and was one inch deep.

In reply to the court, S/I Smith, stated that he had been posted to the New Territories since April, and that during that period he had had several brushes with smugglers and armed robbers.

HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND

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MAIDEN TRIP

Liverpool, Aug. 19.

The now 14,000-ton Cunard-White Star liner Ile de France leaves Liverpool tomorrow on her maiden voyage to New York.

The liner carries 250 first class passengers and 7,000 tons of cargo.—Reuter.

Milan, Aug. 19.

A general strike of workers in the province of Varese, one of the most important industrial areas in northern Italy, was called today after employers were reported to have refused to grant a trade union request for better conditions in the works' canteens.—Reuter.

Letters From Readers

"Awful"

Sir.—The garages in Ho-Mun-Tin present an awful spectacle especially those along Soares Avenue, principally due to neglect or greediness of landlords.

Some garages are left open without any repairs to doors so

T.B. infected and dirty beggars and street urchins haunt the place and spit all round without fear of being arrested for spitting, as they are not splitting for splitting.

Other garages, due to greediness of landlords charging high

rent and tea money, sub-letting them as dwelling houses, are in an undescrable state. People live in these garages in an overcrowded state. They cook, eat and sleep in the garage and use it for their W.C. as well.

Dirty water, urine and excreta are often thrown out from the garage offering offensive smells to people living in the adjacent houses. To cater to the low class people, bean curd hawkers cry their wares at the pitch of their voices at 7 a.m. in the morning, noodle hawkers at 1 or 2 a.m. giving the much nerve-racked people who have served or suffered during the

last war no rest and sleep. Will the Police or the health officer take immediate action to have these garages cleaned and closed. I hope the health officer will not hesitate to close these dirty, infectious, and uncared for garages instead of hesitating to apply for the closure of a Ballroom for selling tea and coffee. Thanks to the wise discretion of the magistrate who imposed a fine of \$50 instead of ordering the place to be closed up for selling tea and coffee.

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KOWLOON EMERG. UNIT APPEAL DISMISSED IN UPPER COURT FINDING

An appeal before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould at the Supreme Court yesterday by seven members of the Kowloon Emergency Unit, against the conviction registered against them by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at the Kowloon Magistrate on May 8, was dismissed.

The appellants, Ghulam Ahmed, Mohamed Akbar, Abdul Ali, Mohamed Abdul Karim, Mansur Ali, Shick Adam and Ramon Lorin, were represented by Mr. Marcus A. da Silva.

Mrs. Lonsdale, assisted by ASP Charles Mottram and DSI C. Dowman, appeared for the Crown.

The appellants, who were found guilty on charges of attempting to extort the sum of \$20 from Mok Kuen at Nan Ching Street on Mar. 14, conspired to extort and demanding with menaces, the sum of \$20, from Mok Kuen, were respectively sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment, ranging from 18 months to 9 months hard labour. Akbar and Adam were additionally found guilty of being in possession of knuckle-duster.

In his opening, Mr. Silva said that the appeal was based on two grounds, firstly, that the conviction was against the weight of evidence, and secondly, that the Magistrate had misdirected himself on the law as to onus of proof in a criminal case.

"Have A Case"

Mr. Silva submitted that this was very definitely a case where a reasonable jury, applying the principle laid down in the well-known case of Woolmington, would not convict.

The prosecution's case, said Mr. Silva, was as follows: On Mar. 14, some time between 12 noon and 1 p.m., seven E. U. constables on a patrol visited a particular district in Shamshui-poo and raided a gambling den in an open match in one of the most notorious thoroughfares of Shamshui-poo.

In the course of the raid, the gamblers had escaped and the E. U. constables were, therefore, not able to arrest anybody.

It was the prosecution's case that these E. U. constables went there in order to extort money. Not being able to get hold of any particular person from whom money could be extorted, they planned and conspired to make a further visit in the evening, again for the purpose of extortion.

About 9 p.m. the same evening, they called again and made a demand for a sum of \$20. According to some of the prosecution witnesses, a counter offer was made of \$10.

Breaking-Up

As the parties could not come to terms, the E. U. constables commenced to break up the gambling paraphernalia. This action roused the ire of the gamblers and later on some of the Shamshui-poo public, so much so that the Riot Van had to be called out.

Continuing, Mr. Silva said that the case for the defence was as follows:

Seven E. U. boys, to a certain extent young and irresponsible, had their attention drawn to a gambling den carried on very openly in Shamshui-poo. They had reason to believe it was a gambling den under the protection of certain police connected with Shamshui-poo Station.

These E. U. boys thereupon said to themselves: "We will have to observe the greatest possible secrecy if we want to catch the parties connected with the gambling and possibly expose this racket in Shamshui-poo."

Foolishly, they wanted all the kudos to themselves and did not report the matter to Inspector Clarke.

They believed that if such a report was made, an order to carry out the raid would be passed to them and this would detract some of the credit they expected for themselves.

Detective

The name of the detective involved in the gambling came out at the second hearing of the case before the Magistrate.

POP



Eviction Appeal Allowed

"As to this, I find, reading the judgment as a whole, that the Magistrate treated those matters as evidence of the alleged conspiracy and relied upon other evidence as establishing the extortion, demand and menaces. As to the question of onus, the Magistrate merely chose to believe the evidence of the prosecution as explaining the irregularities, in preference to that of the defence. He was perfectly entitled to do so. (a) That in spite of the contradictory nature of the evidence by the prosecution, the Magistrate chose to believe that a demand was made. This does not touch upon direction or onus but is merely a question of weight. Upon this ground then, the appeal fails.

The E. U. boys, with the principals in custody and their backs to the wall, kept the crowd off for some 15 minutes while one of their number telephoned Yaumati and obtained the assistance of the Riot Squad.

At Yaumati Police Station, the E. U. boys gave a short resume of events.

There was no complaint in the early stages to C.S.I. Lee that they had been extorting money and no confession by silence as alleged by the prosecution.

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What Happened In The Courts

Watch-Repairer Goes To Gaol

Wong Chi, 29, watchmaker, before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, charged with receiving a watch, knowing it to have been stolen, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

In conclusion, Mr. Silva said that the Magistrate had apparently adopted the attitude that it was for accused to prove his innocence by explaining certain irregularities. In spite of admitted discrepancies and contradictions, the Magistrate was prepared to take the word of the prosecution witnesses against the defence as to whether or not a demand for money had been made.

The Judge'

Replying Mr. Lonsdale denied first with the second ground of appeal and said that certain matters appearing in the judgment of the Magistrate had not been brought to the attention of the Court.

The Magistrate was the judge of facts and the man who had watched the witnesses while they were being cross-examined.

He could find no suggestion on the record that the accepted evidence of certain circumstances and that as a result of explanation by the accused, he would register a conviction.

Mr. Lonsdale contended that, reading the judgment as a whole, the construction placed on it by Mr. Silva was incorrect.

There was no question of misdirection and that the arguments put forward by Mr. Silva were untenable.

Judgment

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Gould said:

"This appeal was based on two grounds: (1) That the verdict was against the weight of evidence and (2) that the Magistrate misdirected himself in law as to the onus of proof.

"As to the second of these, appellants submit (a) That the Magistrate treated certain evidence of irregularities as being of the essence of the matter and their failure to prove the innocent nature of these irregularities to his satisfaction as ground for conviction.

An Order Absolute was made by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould yesterday, in respect of the Decree Nisi granted to Mrs. Lillian Florence Knight, nee Rose, against Mr. Thomas Leonard Knight.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the petitioner, Mrs. Knight.

ORDER ABSOLUTE

An Order Absolute was made by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould yesterday, in respect of the Decree Nisi granted to Mrs. Lillian Florence Knight, nee Rose, against Mr. Thomas Leonard Knight.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the petitioner, Mrs. Knight.

DECREE NISI

A Decree Nisi granted to Mrs. Maria Socorro Botelho Alves against Mr. Alfredo Victor Jose Alvares, was made Absolute yesterday by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould.

The petitioner, Mrs. Alvares, was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

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TRAFFIC LOSSES STILL KEEP AT HIGH LEVEL

Fifteen people were killed and twenty seriously injured in traffic accidents occurring in Hong Kong and Kowloon in July. The total number of accidents including persons injured and damage to vehicles only for the month was 485.

Comparative figures for May and June are as follows:

	Fatal	Serious	Total
May ...	10	26	410
June ...	11	25	470

An analysis for the figures of July show that the principal causes of accidents were due to:

- (a) Fault of drivers 200 cases;
- (b) Jay Walking 146 cases;
- (c) Jumping off moving vehicles 89 cases.

Action was taken by the Police Force in 1,068 traffic cases, ranging from recklessness and carelessness driving, speeding, tailing for hire, carrying excess passengers and unnecessary use of horn.

The number of fatal accidents has shown an increase in Hong Kong this month by one, making a total for July of five.

In Kowloon an increase is recorded of two, making a total nine.

The proportion of damage-only accidents is still high and investigation reveals that the majority of these accidents are due to carelessness and could be easily avoided if drivers would pay more attention to the courtesy and safety rules of the road.

Hawking Licences Suspended

With reference to the recently published report of the Committee on Hawking, the Urban Council announces that it has been necessary to suspend the issue of further Itinerant licences for the time being until all the current licences have been exchanged for either "fixed pitch" or "pedlar" licences.

It is proposed to commence the change over to the new licences at the beginning of the next licensing season i.e. 1st October, 1947, and notices will be published shortly requesting all licensed Itinerant Hawkers to come forward for registration and allocation of sites.

The allocation of hawkers to the "fixed pitches" will be dealt with and decided solely by the Urban Council.

New by-laws, which include a new scale of fees for all licences, are being drawn up and will be published shortly.

No fees should be paid to any other person or organisation in respect of allotment of any particular hawker site or pitch.

The "fixed pitch" hawkers will be allowed an area of 4' x 3' each and this site must be completely vacated and cleared each night by 10 p.m. so that the area may be properly cleaned.

All the girls said they had practiced prostitution for about three months and out of their earnings had to pay defendant thirty per cent. They intimated that they wished to be returned to their parents.

Defendant, while admitting the offence, she was only paid servant and was looking after the place in the absence of her mistress, at present in Canton.

In a free-for-all outside the Red Lion Café, Hankow Road, at 8.40 p.m. last night, a White American seaman was badly beaten up by about 20 Negro seamen of the "General Gordon".

He had to be admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

The men dispersed upon the arrival of the Emergency Squad under S.I. Cutler.

No arrests were made.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG IN BANKRUPTCY NO. 6 OF 1947.

Re: The Universal Traders and Au Kar Hock managing partner thereof. Debtors. Ex parte The Dah Yeh Trading Company. Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION FILED ON THE 24TH DAY OF JULY 1947.

TAKE NOTICE that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you by The Dah Yeh Trading Co. of Bank of East Asia and the Court has ordered that the service of the Petition upon you be effected by serving a sealed copy of the abovenamed Petition together with a sealed copy of the Order for substituted service on an adult inmate within the premises of No. 12 Stanley Street, ground floor Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong being your usual and last known place of business and by posting up copies of the aforesaid documents at the Court House Door of Court of Justice, Victoria aforesaid and that this shall be deemed to be service of the Petition upon you; (a) and further take notice that the said Petition will be heard at the Supreme Court on the 23rd day of August, 1947 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a recieving order against you in your absence.

The Petition can be inspect by you on application at the Supreme Court.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1947.

Sd. P. R. SPRINGALL
Deputy Registrar.

To the Universal Traders and Au Kar Hock managing partner thereof.

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The Public Works Department will not undertake liability for any such tunnels unless they are reported before 1st September, 1947, and liability for any damage due to such tunnels which have not been reported by that date will be the responsibility of the owners of the property concerned.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works, Hong Kong, 30th July, 1947.

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERERS.

It is hereby notified that Monday, 18th August, 1947, has been declared a Weather non-working day.

J. JOLLY, Harbour Master.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 19th August, 1947.

CIVILIAN PASSENGERS BY TROOP TRANSPORTS.

Passenger for relatives and friends to board Troop Transports to meet or see off future passengers will in future be issued by Sea Transport Officer, Wellington Barracks.

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Notice to Consignees

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From Straits and Calcutta Arrived 14th August.

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed in the port of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon on Thursday 21st August 1947. Consignees are advised to have their representatives present during the Survey.

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Typist Felt The Strain

Tokyo, Aug. 19.

Slow typing by the Japanese Embassy secretary in Washington was blamed by a witness testifying before the International Military Tribunal today, for the failure to deliver Japan's final note to the United States until one hour after Pearl Harbour was attacked.

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Shirojo Yukio, Foreign Ministerial official who accompanied Saburo Kurusu to Washington for the final negotiations, told the Tribunal that only the secretary could operate the typewriter "decently" and he was "under such strain" that he made many mistakes which delayed preparation of the note until 1350 hours December 7, 1941, Washington DC, time, despite instructions from Tokyo to deliver the message by 1300.

Kurusu and Admiral Nomura gave the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, the note at 1420. The prosecution did not cross-examine Yukio, but pointed out to the court that previous prosecution testimony had alleged conspiracy among Japanese officials in Tokyo to delay delivery of the note until after the Pearl Harbour attack was under way.

The first Japanese overt act occurred at 1045, December 7, 1941 Washington DC, time, when Japanese troops seized the Bund of the International Settlement in Shanghai (all times listed are Washington DC time). At 1140, the Japanese shelled British defences at Kota Bharu north Malaya. At 1306, Nipponese swarmed ashore in southern Siam advancing toward the Malayan border. At 1320 Pearl Harbour was attacked and at 1420 the note was handed to Hull. — Associated Press.

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BURMA VISIT CANCELLED

London, Aug. 18.

Mr. Yeh Chun-chang, 33-year-old Chinese author, who was invited to Britain three years ago to lecture, is now pursuing his study of English at Cambridge University.

His first novel, "The Mountain Village," published by the Sylvan Press, has been highly spoken of by leading book reviewers.

Writing in the "Evening Standard," reviewer Margaret Long says: "I am always fascinated and astonished by anyone capable of writing a good book in a tongue other than his own. And 'The Mountain Village' is a good book without any qualification. It is written with a sort of smiling simplicity which is as persuasive as the quiet voice of the practised story teller, and in this way it is unmistakably Chinese. Although the English is without fault, the images are as Chinese as a paper kite."

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Eastbourne, Aug. 19.

The body of a one-armed man clad only in bathing trunks washed ashore at Bevans Bay here this morning, was believed to be that of London actor-producer Robert Wyndham.

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Amsterdam Aug. 19.

Two Dutch chemists, Dr. J. F. Arens and Dr. D. A. Van Dorp, said today that they had succeeded in finding a method for synthetic production of vitamin A after four years of experimentation. — United Press.

The strike was said to concern particular immigrants on board the Empire Rival, but a spokesman for the British Consulate-General in Marseilles described the reports as "grossly exaggerated."

"It was a very half-hearted affair," he said. "It is true that a small number of immigrants on board the ship yesterday missed their lunch, but that was all there was to it."

On board the other two ships, all the other immigrants ate normally yesterday," added the spokesman, who had personally visited the Empire Rival, Rangoon, Burma and Ocean Vigour.

A Reuter despatch from Parma-gusto, Cyprus, tonight said that

500 Jewish orphans, aged between six and 15, sailed this afternoon for Palestine in the corvettes Empire Rest and Empire Comfort.

The orphans are some of 986

children in the Ixoytambou Camp, granted special entry certificates.

Before the children embarked,

all were stripped and searched,

and at the last moment, a nurse

and welfare workers attached to

the party, who had been similarly

searched, were forbidden to go on board.

It was stated that the special

precautions were necessary to prevent possible sabotage. — Reuter.

Crerar To Visit Hong Kong

Tokyo, Aug. 20. General H. D. G. Crerar and members of the Canadian official party, who have been visiting Japan for a week, departed for Nanking and Hong Kong today.

General Crerar will then return to Canada. — Associated Press.

The Twain Must Meet Soon

London, Aug. 19.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, M.P., and eminent writer on international affairs, who has been touring the Far East, in a further despatch to the "News Chronicle" stresses China's cultural inheritance as compared with Japan's veneer of modernism. He also points the way the West should follow if peace is eventually to be established in the East.

His article is entitled "The Twain Must Meet" and in part he writes: "In China, the civil war has led to the loss of opportunities such as are never likely to recur. Small wonder that many Americans and Europeans tend to draw comparisons in favour of the Japanese and to forget that the Chinese have so long a cultural history and still command a respect for learning, to overlook their pride in craftsmanship and their smiling patience in adversity, to admire too much those qualities of obedience and orderliness in the Japanese which are so attractive now, but which made them so dangerous an enemy."

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The Government of Burma have now invited Lord Listowel, Secretary of State for Burma, to visit the country in Sir Stafford's place. Lord Listowel will leave for Rangoon at the end of August, accompanied by Sir Gilbert Laithwaite, of the Burma Office. — Reuter.

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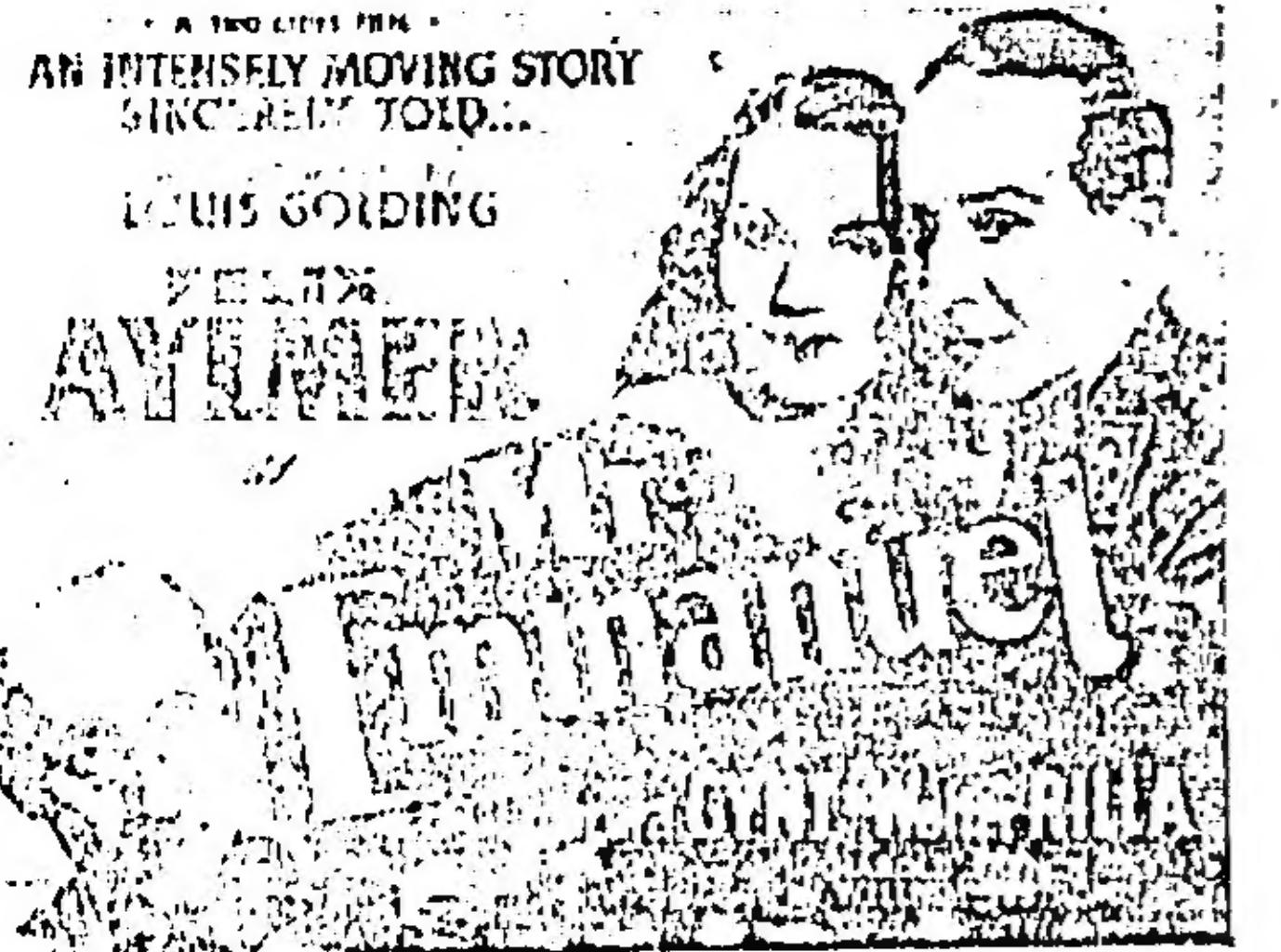
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PANDIT NEHRU'S WARNING

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New Delhi, Aug. 19. A firm statement that communal troubles would not be permitted in the new Dominion of India was made tonight by Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, in a broadcast on his two-day visit to the riot-swept Punjab.

Communal troubles were not going to be tolerated, he said. "Our State is not a communal state, but a democratic state, in which every citizen has equal rights. The Government is determined to protect these rights."

"I have been assured by Lieutenant Ali Khan (the Prime Minister of Pakistan who visited the Punjab with Mr. Nehru) that this also is the policy of the Pakistani Government."

Pandit Nehru urged the people "not to give credence to wild rumours which spread so easily." He said he had heard a "ghastly tale" in Amritsar, the Sikh Holy City, and in Lahore, and saw thousands of refugees, Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs.

"There has been murder and arson, and crimes of all descriptions in many parts of the Punjab, and this fair province, so rich in promise, has suffered untold agony during these months."

"It woudn't serve little purpose to go into this long story. We began our new life from August 15."

Greatest Firmness

Mr. Nehru said that effective steps have been taken to end the orgy of murders and arson—effective not only from the administrative and military point of view, but what is more important, from the point of view of popular approach to all our people.

Mr. Nehru said that the Government of India will deal with any communal outbreak with the greatest firmness, while treating every Indian on an equal basis.

He said that arrangements had been made for the transport of refugees from Lahore to Amritsar or from Amritsar.



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COCKFOSTERS MYSTERY

Cockfosters, Aug. 19. The body of Mrs. Marion Bevan, 70-year-old wealthy widow of Compo Bevan, director of Barclay's Bank, was exhumed at Cockfosters Churchyard near her home at West Farm Place early today. The body was taken to the Tottenham mortuary, and a post-mortem was held by the Home Office pathologist.

An exhumation order was handed to the police late last night after a police report had been studied by the East Middlesex coroner, who had asked for an investigation following a letter sent him by a relative of Mrs. Bevan.—Reuter.

Soviets Torpedo Hope Of Agreement

LONDON, AUG. 19. THE SOVIET SEIZURE OF THE IMPORTANT AUSTRIAN OIL REFINERY AT LOBAU, NEAR VIENNA, IN WHICH BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE FINANCIAL INTERESTS, WAS CONSIDERED IN LONDON AS HAVING GRAVELY DAMAGED THE PROSPECTS OF THE AUSTRIAN TREATY COMMISSION NOW SITTING IN VIENNA, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN DECLARED TODAY.

Though the Treaty Commission is not working to a time limit, there are now only some two months before its work is due to be considered by the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The Foreign Office spokesman added that Sir George Rendel, the British representative on the Treaty Commission, would remain in Austria for the present, despite the crisis, following the Soviet seizure, in the work of the Commission.—Reuter.

Ceylon Flood Aftermath

Colombo, Ceylon, Aug. 19.

Aircraft were today linking the stations on Ceylon's dislocated railways to fly stranded people across the water-logged tracks of country north of Colombo, where the River Kelani burst its banks three days ago. All normal road and rail communications from Colombo inland have been dislocated and already between 15,000 and 20,000 people have been evacuated from the city's low-lying suburbs.

Improvised air and rail transport was taking people from Colombo to the other large towns such as Trincomalee and Jaffna.—Reuter.

Nazi Doctors Face Sentences

Nuernberg, Aug. 19. Hitler's leading doctors and concentration camp officials, on trial in the famous war crimes court here for the past nine months, will be sentenced tomorrow, it was expected, for carrying out what the United States court described in its judgment today as "sadistic and generally useless experiments on human beings."

Karl Brandt—Hitler's "ear-corn" physician, Reich Commissioner for Health and chief of the 23 accused—found guilty of carrying out brutal medical experiments, crimes against humanity and membership of the S.S., is expected to be sentenced to death.

Evidence given during the long hearing was a grim recital of shooting with poisoned bullets, simulating infected battle-wounds, freezing experiments, spraying with mustard gas, high altitude pressure tests and mass "mercy killings" in Nazi concentration camps.

The court acquitted Paul Rostock, chief of the Reich Office for Medical Science and Research—which was under Brandt's direction—on the grounds that "no experiments were conducted by any person or organization which was to the least extent under Rostock's control or direction."

Siegfried Handloser, former Nazi medical chief of the German armed forces, was found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and Oskar Schröder, chief of the Luftwaffe's medical services, was found guilty on some of the charges against him.

The four-man United States tribunal, in its 247-page judgment, severely censured Karl Brandt, declaring that although he was in a position of authority to intervene in all medical matters, it appeared that at no time did he attempt to check medical experiments on human beings or make any objection.

Ethical Aspect

The court's judgment on the ethical aspect of the experiments on humans—awarded with interest in medical circles all over the world—laid down a set of 10 principles which, satisfying "moral, ethical and legal

concepts," permitted certain types of experiments.

The chief principle was that the subjects should have a choice of participating with the full knowledge of the aims and of the dangers involved, and ability to terminate their part in the proceedings at any time.

Nazi "scientific experimentalists" more frequently honoured these principles in the breach than in the observance, the judgment said. The Nazi experiments were generally performed by unqualified persons.

The court declared, and in no case was the experimental subject left to withdraw.—Reuter.

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BARRIERS

Mismanagement by those most interested appears to have rendered a solution of the Indonesian problem more difficult than ever. Ill-advisedly, the Dutch have made it clear that they refuse to accept the legal authority of the Security Council to intervene directly to bring about a peaceful solution of the conflict. It would have been more adroit, as well as more courteous, to accept the "pressure" of the Security Council, and such a resolution as that proposed by the Australian delegate to the Council. Even more foolishly, the Indonesian leaders attached such conditions to their acceptance of the American offer of mediation that the United States have felt themselves compelled to withdraw the offer. Where the onus for the present futility may finally lie seems to be of little importance except in the sense that it has already been effectively demonstrated that if the situation is left as it is, the success of Dutch military action is assured. To those who believe that every movement which calls itself Nationalist is truly national and that every European in the East is an intruder, the situation in Indonesia is beautifully simple, since the Dutch in that case must always be the aggressors. In point of fact, the Dutch Government, after initial hesitations, have shown a great willingness to meet the views of Republican leaders. Had Dr. Sahir, the only leader to show some statesmanlike qualities, not been driven from office by extremists, open hostilities would almost certainly not have been re-commenced. Even so, the economic anarchy and attacks on foreigners in territory under Republican "control" would still have needed remedy. For its own sake and for the sake of the world which it should be supplying, Indonesia urgently requires peace. Its inhabitants, however, will have to find and to support influences more constructive than those which find their outlet in denouncing the Dutch and refusing, without qualifications, the good offices of those whose only interest is in equity.

INVENTORS'
AWARDS

Unlike the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors set up in 1919, which issued its last report only in 1937, the present Royal Commission under Lord Justice Cohen, which began its sittings at the end of last year, seems to be proceeding with praiseworthy despatch. The award of £1,200 which it has recommended should be paid to Sir Donald Bailey, the inventor of the celebrated portable bridge so widely used in the war, may be taken perhaps as a pattern of the Commission's judgments. As a Civil Servant, designing for the Ministry of Supply, Sir Donald might on a harsh view have been debarred from claiming an award at all. As the man whose happy inspiration enabled not only British but Allied troops to bridge uncounted rivers, canals and craters at high speed and without heavy equipment, it would be difficult to measure in reasonable financial terms the debt which is owed to him. The award is thus not a commercial payment at all, but a kind of token of national gratitude. To the normal inventor of war devices, not employed at that time as a Government servant, somewhat different considerations apply. But it is improbable that any British claimant will be treated upon a strictly commercial basis, as if he had been, say, a Swiss or Swedish inventor, who had offered to sell the British Government rights in his patent.

SWEDISH PROTEST

Stockholm, Aug. 10. The Swedish Foreign Office today instructed its Moscow Legation to protest against the sinking by Soviet armed forces of German poison gas in fishing grounds between Bornholm and Christianso in the southern Baltic Sea.

Fishermen complained that carriers of mustard gas had been caught in their nets, damaged their catches and their boats.—Reuters.

India and The Evolution
Of The Commonwealth

By Wickham Steed

The transfer in India is accomplished. Two new states have come formally into being as dominions of the British Commonwealth. A title page has been written for the opening chapter of Indian swaraj or self-rule. Essentially these things have been wrought by the impact of Western and especially British ideas and ideals upon the Eastern peoples. In no respect have these ideas been more potent than in the voluntary transfer of the British executive power to the legislature and the leaders of Indian Communities.

It is sometimes pretended that the British Government and Crown, in agreeing to the transfer, made a virtue of necessity and noted with seeming magnanimity only because circumstances prevented them from doing otherwise. This pretension is both cynical and shallow. The evolution of the British Commonwealth refutes it, for that evolution proves the necessity of magnanimous virtue in the relations of a central authority with communities that attain political manhood under its aegis.

They were also urgent. In Calcutta alone during the week before 15th August Independence Day, twenty-seven lives were lost and more than one hundred and forty persons injured in a "communal" clash between Hindus and Muslims. Freedom First

Freedom First

If George III and Lord North had perceived the necessity of this virtue in the 18th century the thirteen British Colonies of North America would not have fought their War of Independence. Even then British statement the Duke proclaimed the doctrine that among the requirements of statecraft, faith in responsible freedom is second to none. In the 19th and 20th centuries this doctrine became a guiding British principle. The transfer of power in India is its latest and in some ways its boldest vindication.

Its boldness lies in the difference between the bestowal of dominion status with independent nationhood upon Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and the arrangement that India and Pakistan shall likewise possess independent nationhood as members of the British Commonwealth.

Tough political! in form, the characters of these new dominions are predominantly religious in substance. So sharp was the religious divergence between Hindus and Muslim communities in India that territorial partition became an indispensable preliminary to any agreement upon Indian freedom either between them or with the

British Government. No similar difficulty arose when the earlier dominions were in the process of formation.

Major Issue

Alongside the political and economic problems that await treatment by the Governments of India and Pakistan this divergence of religious outlooks likely to be a major preoccupation of them both. Mahatma Ghandi, who wielded great spiritual influence as the foremost living saint of Hinduism, had proposed to assuage what is known as "communal" strife by spending the remaining years of his life among the Muslims of Pakistan. A fresh outbreak of "communal" fighting in Calcutta moved him to declare that he would fast unto death unless the fighting ceased. As a further protest against fanaticism he invited the Muslim Premier of Bengal to live with him in Calcutta—and the invitation was accepted. Such actions, noble in themselves, are religious in inspiration, whatever their political effects may be.

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Punjab Violence

No less grievous was the violence in Punjab. At Lahore its capital a hundred and forty Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims were killed and many more injured on 11th August and on the 12th.

Throughout Asia the progress of these new polities will be watched as keenly as in the British Commonwealth. Britain, in particular will watch it with good will always remembering the words of Macaulay in the House of Commons one hundred and fourteen years ago, "to have found two great peoples since the lowest depths of slavery and superstition and to have raised them to a high level of civilization and of the privileges of citizens would indeed be a title to a glory all our own." (L.P.S.)

CARNIVAL

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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SHORT SUIT BID
THE KEY

HOW OFTEN a player with a fine fit for his partner's minor suit, but none for his major, wishes for a safe way to find out if the side could play the deal in No Trump? But with strength in only one of the two minor suits, he fears that the other would be run against such a contract. So he must either make a pure guess that his partner stops that fourth suit or else leave the side's sole hope for game to an 11-trick minor contract. In such a situation, the secondary bid of a three-card or less short suit may be the key.

S 10 7 2
H A K 5
D Q 10 6 5 4
C 6 2S J 8 5
H Q 10 9 7
D 9 8
C 7 4 3N SK 3
W E D 7 3
S C A K 9 8 5S A Q 9 4
H J 4
D A K J 2
C Q J 10

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South West North East
1 I D West 2 D Pass
2 6 Pass 3 S Pass
4 S2 1 D Pass 2 D Pass
2 8 Pass 3 H Pass
3 NT

The first round of bidding, also South's second bid, were exactly alike at practically all

tables of a sizable duplicate. Then came the variations. Among a choice of evils, some supported the spades with only an inadequate three cards, as in the first sequence above. The declarer in those cases lost two tricks in clubs and two in spades, though double-dummy trump play could have made it—losing the 9 finesse to the J, next dropping the K with the A, and using the 10 and 9 on the last two trump tricks.

Other Norths preferred to favour diamonds again on their second round, after hearing the 2-Spades; they bid either three or four. Nearly all of those got into 6-Diamonds and the declarer lost two tricks in clubs plus one in spades to be set a trick.

One North made a pure guess that his partner could probably stop clubs, so bid 2-No Trumps and South then 3-No Trumps, which of course was airtight and with an extra trick virtually certain. But one got to the 3-No Trumps more safely. On his second turn, over the 2-Spades he bid 3-Hearts. South could not possibly consider this a four-card suit, as in that case it would have been the first response instead of the raise in diamonds. It told South to bid 3-No Trumps if he stopped clubs, which he did.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 8 8
H 8
D K Q 6 4 2
C K 10 5 3 2
S J 10 9 5
4 H A 9 7 2
D J 9
C A 7

N S 7 6
W F D 10 8 7 3
S C J 8 6 4

S A K Q 2
H K Q J 5 3
D A 5
C Q 9

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

What bidding should follow if South opens 1-Heart and North bids 2-Diamonds?

Dogs Search
For Missing

Whitehaven, Cumberland, Aug. 19.

Flight-Lieutenant R. D. Cooper, an Australian, this morning took three Alsatian dogs down the William pit here to help trace the last six of 104 mine disaster victims.

The dogs are Jet (holder of the Dickin Medal—the animals' V.C.), Rex and Prince. Jet saved the lives of 50 people buried in London air raids and discovered 120 bodies in bombed property. Rex and Prince, two Royal Air Force dogs, were used in a recent search for an escaped Polish soldier in Norfolk.

The remaining victims are believed to be buried under the surface. Of the 98 bodies located, 78 had been brought to the surface last night.—Reuters.

FOREST FIRES

Hamburg, Aug. 19. Ten forest fires, raging since Friday, in an old military training area near Cologne, were exploding abandoned war munitions, the German news agency in the British Zone reported tonight.

Three people have been injured. Trenches are being dug to check the fires.—Reuters.

New Technique For
Blood Pressure

Successful treatment of some cases of high blood pressure and chronic asthma by injecting alcohol into nerve cells alongside the spine is reported.

Dangerous

This is an inappropriate moment for any deviation, and deviating from sterilizing in isolation would be dangerous.

The alternative method would be to block part of the sterilizing procedure of current transactions.

Either method would reduce imports.

By ALTON L.
BLAKESLEE

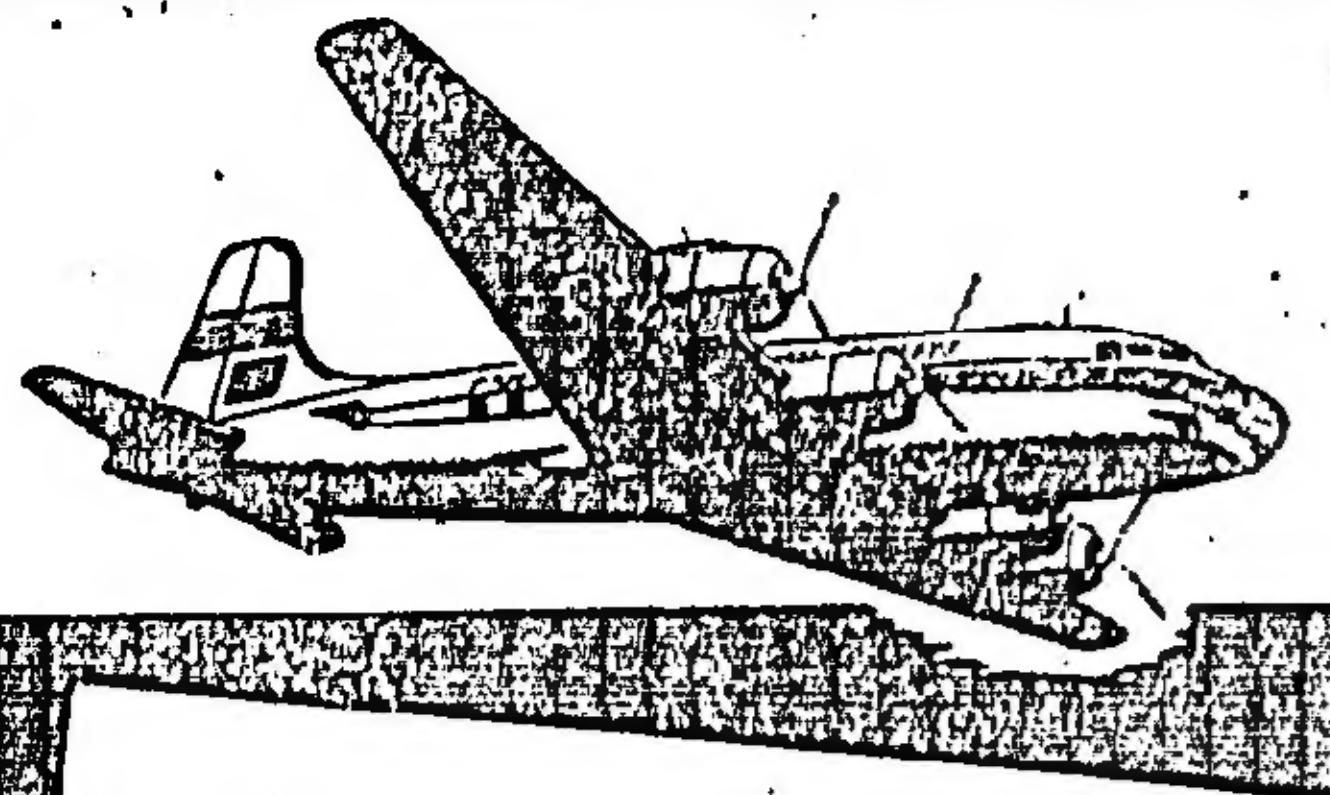
Dr. Lawrence Lindroth of Christ Hospital, Jersey City, New Jersey, in the American Journal of Surgery.

The alcohol blocks, or interrupts the nerve impulses of some of the sympathetic nerves.

The blood pressure dropped and bad effects from high blood pressure such as dizziness, headaches and nausea disappeared, Dr. Lindroth said.

"Contrary to what was anticipated in the beginning that this procedure might be only a temporary relief, it has proved permanent. The symptoms of headache, dizziness, and vomiting are quickly corrected and our ear-ache patients are not only still symptom-free but also are maintaining lower blood pressure."

Dr. Lindroth cited one case of a 60-year-old man with high blood pressure who had asthma for 25 years. He had been bed-ridden intermittently for four years, suffering from headaches, dizziness, chest tightness and other discomforts. Since the alcohol nerve block treatment in 1944 he has had no asthma or other symptoms, Dr. Lindroth said.—Associated Press.



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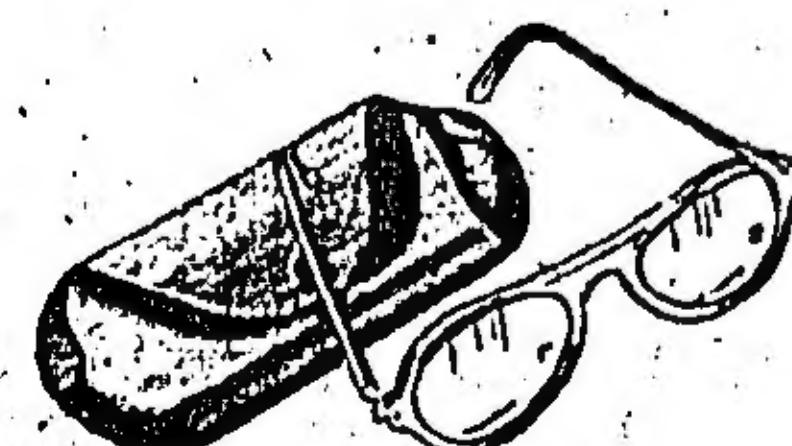
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DEADLOCK ON BALKANS

Soviet Again Makes Use Of The Veto

Explosive Debate At Lake Success

Lake Success, Aug. 19.
Two more Soviet vetoes killed all chances tonight of United Nations Security Council action in the Balkans crisis.

The East-West deadlock now will be thrown before the 55-nation United Nations General Assembly by the United States on September 16.

If that fails, the United States has threatened to take "collective action" to block an alleged plot by the Communists to seize control of Greece.

Russia's Andrei Gromyko cast the fifteenth and sixteenth Soviet votes to crush the last ditch proposal by Australia and the United States to install a long-range United Nations border watch in the Balkans and brand the trouble there an an outright threat to world peace.

In both cases, nine of the Council's 11 members voted "yes" and Mr. Gromyko, supported only by the Polish delegate, dealt the coup d'état with a simple raising of his right arm.

Only 24 hours earlier he had used the great power of veto three straight times to keep Portugal, Ireland and the Transjordan out of the United Nations. It was the most concerted use of the veto and the most explosive 24-hour period in United Nations history.

Futile Speeches

In the climax of two hours of futile speechmaking by the Slav bloc, Mr. Gromyko used the veto to kill the Australian proposal which branded the situation a threat to peace and, without placing any blame, called on all four governments to cease provocation. It also called for a team of United Nations observers to patrol the Balkans borders.

Forty-five minutes later, Mr. Gromyko's "no" killed a similar American proposal, which directly blamed Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia for the trouble in Northern Greece and ordered them to stop, under pain of stronger punitive measures by the Council. It also called for a border commission.

Australia's William Hodgson heatedly denounced big power voting privileges as the "most vicious instrument ever utilized

Paris Shocked By Sex Tragedy

Paris, Aug. 19.
The ravished and battered body of a "young and beautiful girl," wearing a thin gold "slave" chain on her slim right ankle, was dragged from the placid Seine yesterday, the police announced today.

The body was found under the bridge of Saint Michel, still clad in a blue and white print summer frock, her long blonde hair trailing in the current, her lips still bright with orange lipstick.

The authorities notified all prefectures and commissariats, who spread the word. This morning, fathers, mothers and lovers trooped through sultry Paris streets to

Strange Incident In Palestine

Jerusalem, Aug. 19.
Shots "from a military vehicle" were fired this afternoon at a Jewish bus near Givat Brenner on the coastal plain, killing a Jewish boy who only recently came to Palestine from Europe. Unofficial reports from the scene said that the shots fatally wounded Moshe Horodisky, aged 17, and wounded another passenger.

The vehicle was reported to have proceeded down the road firing on another bus, wounding Itzhak Adler, a hotel owner of Gedera, in the leg.

In the meantime, calm returned to the border districts of Tel Aviv and Jaffa, where there had been Jewish-Arab rioting six days last week. The night curfew imposed on the area was lifted tonight.

Communal disturbances continued on very small scale today.

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Malaya Income Tax Proposals

Singapore, Aug. 19.
A tax of about three per cent on incomes above Straits \$6,000 and a flat 20 per cent tax on Company profits were recommended in an official report issued tonight by Mr. R. B. Heasman, Commissioner for Income Tax to the Malayan Government.

The revenue derived from this taxation, imposed uniformly throughout the Malayan Union and Singapore, would meet this year's estimated deficit of \$62,000,000, Mr. Heasman said.

Last weekend, 28 representatives of 16 Malayan political bodies met in Kuala Lumpur to demand that no taxation should be imposed "without full political representation."

They passed a resolution criticising the Government expenditure.—Reuter.

Irgun Threats In Austria

Vienna, Aug. 19.
The publishers of the American-sponsored German language newspaper, Wiener Kurier, received a letter today purportedly signed by the Irgun command in Austria, taking credit for the bombing and derailment of a British

leave train a week ago.

The letter, written in German, said: "On Monday, August 4, 1947, soldiers of the Jewish national military organization attacked the officers' quarters of the British High Command in Vienna..."

"On Tuesday, August 12, 1947, soldiers of the organisation attacked a British military train on its way through the British occupation zone of Austria, in

the neighbourhood of Mallnitz."

One bomb exploded at Mallnitz, derailing several cars but causing slight injuries to only one passenger.

The communication also said: "The British command in Austria carries out a policy of hatred, directed against homeless Jews who are on their way to Palestine and the Mediterranean ports and this is the way of repaying them."

The American military authorities disclosed renewed threats of violence against American military personnel and installation in Austria but would not disclose the objectives named by the alleged Irgunists.—United Press.

Panic In N'foundland

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Aug. 19.

Messages from Port Nelson, on Bonavista Bay, today said that raging forest fires bearing down on the settlement were only 50 yards from dwellings.

Women and children were evacuated from Port Nelson and flames were also threatening nearby Shambler's Cove, the message added.

Inhabitants in many isolated regions, remembering the disastrous Cloverdown fire which practically wiped out the town last year, are now sending an appeal for aid as soon as smoke appears in the vicinity, regardless of whether the danger from the dread forest fire is imminent or not, it was reported.

The forest fires near Pacquet and Lascle were reported to be practically extinguished late this afternoon.—Reuter.

U.S. Mission In Greece

Washington, Aug. 19.
Dwight Griswold, chief of the American mission to Greece, announced today that the mission will open an office in Salonic probably tomorrow.

The office will include representatives of Army engineers, relief and other branches working in northern Greece.

Griswold also announced that Greek crews will sail on American tankers for the United States where they will undergo brief training before returning to Greece with six motor gun-boats from the American Navy.

It was also announced that two ships with 17,000 tons of flour diverted from other countries will land in Piraeus later this week with post-UNRRA aid for Greece. Ten other food ships, it was believed, will arrive in the next six weeks.—Reuter.

The final decision on this was expected to constitute the most important result of the Conference, which will complete its work at the end of this week.—Reuter.

RUHR PACT NEAR

Washington, Aug. 19.

The British and American delegates to the Ruhr Coal Conference here were today reported authoritatively to be in virtual agreement over the establishment of joint Coal Board to supervise and control Ruhr mining.

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SECRET VISIT

London, Aug. 19.

General George Kenney, Commander of the United States Strategic Air Force, will return to the United States tomorrow after a secret visit to London.

His visit was unknown to any but British and American military and air force experts.—Reuter.



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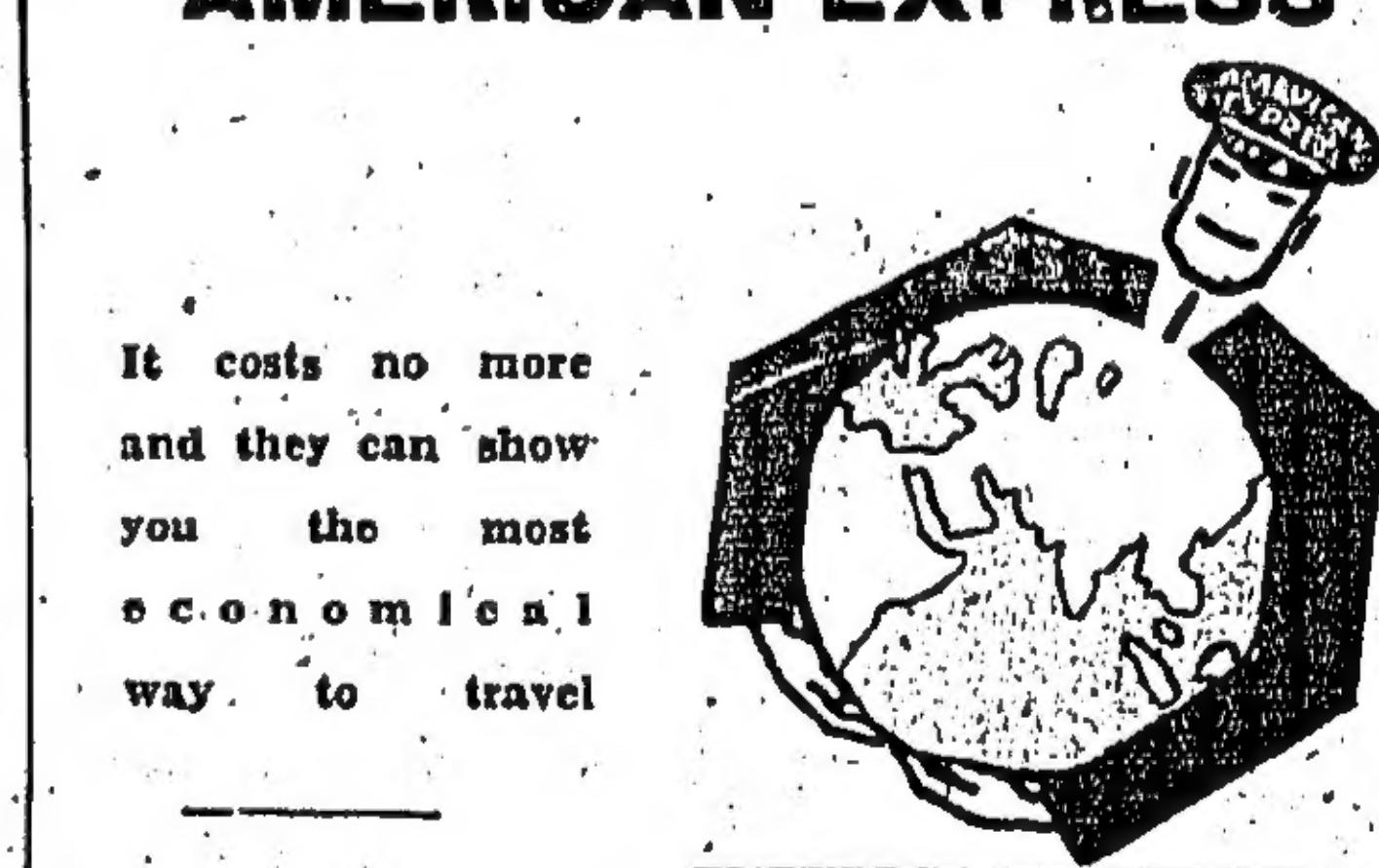
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Shortage Of Telephones

"Every country is short of telephones," states the Anglo-Portuguese Telephone Company's annual report, "and the aggregate shortage involves many hundreds of millions of pounds of expenditure which can only be met over years."

Nevertheless, the company, which operates the telephone system in Portugal, and is employed in a five year development programme, last year obtained delivery of over £500,000 worth of British telephone material.

A further outlay of approximately £400,000 is planned for the current year for the development of the Portuguese telephone system.

The waiting list of applicants for telephones totals 17,000. The telephone shortage of basic materials is the main reason which prevents orders for equipment being fulfilled more promptly.

Spraying "Suede"

The spraying of wood or card-board with a metal surface resulting in an all-metal appearance being given is an accepted process and used in industry the world over.

A British firm has now adapted the spray process to provide a textile finish.

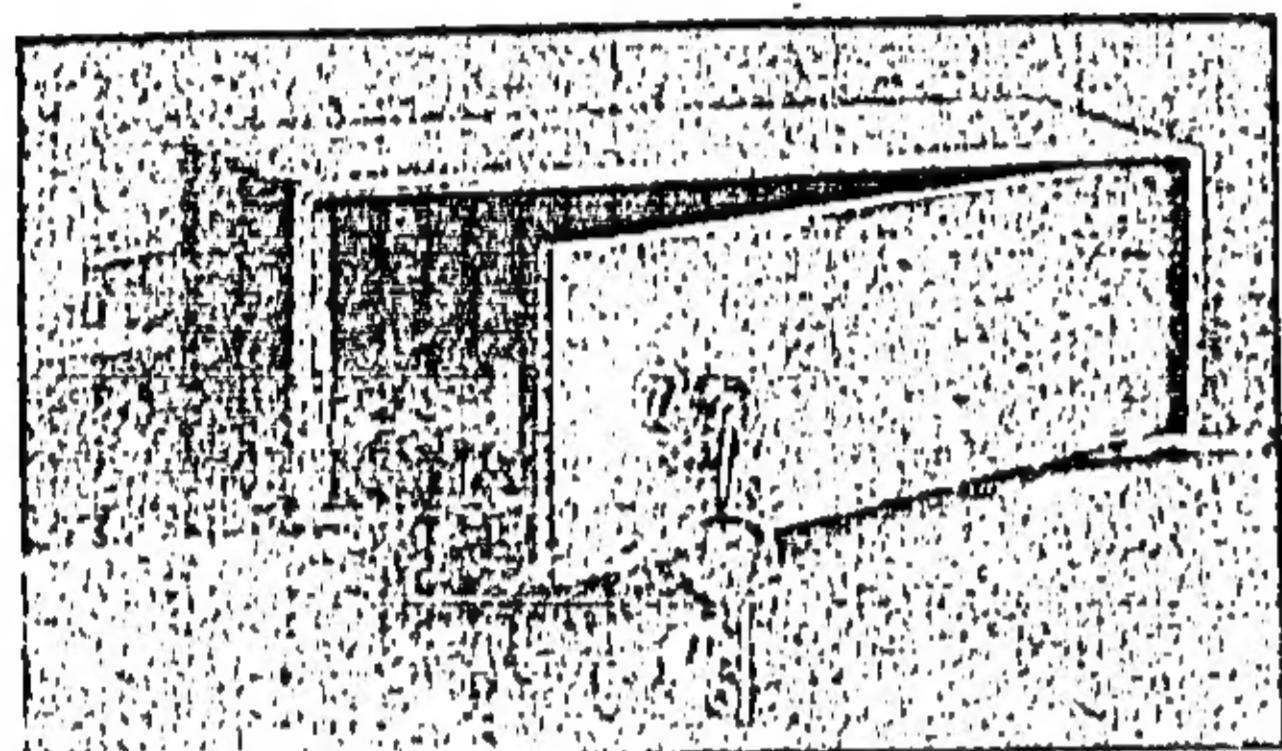
The process makes it possible to spray any surface with material having the appearance of suede and being both fadeless and creaseless. Instead of the tedious business of lining boxes or drawers for cutlery with separate lined pieces, the new method employs a "cartridge" in a spray gun, and the "suede" coating is sprayed on.

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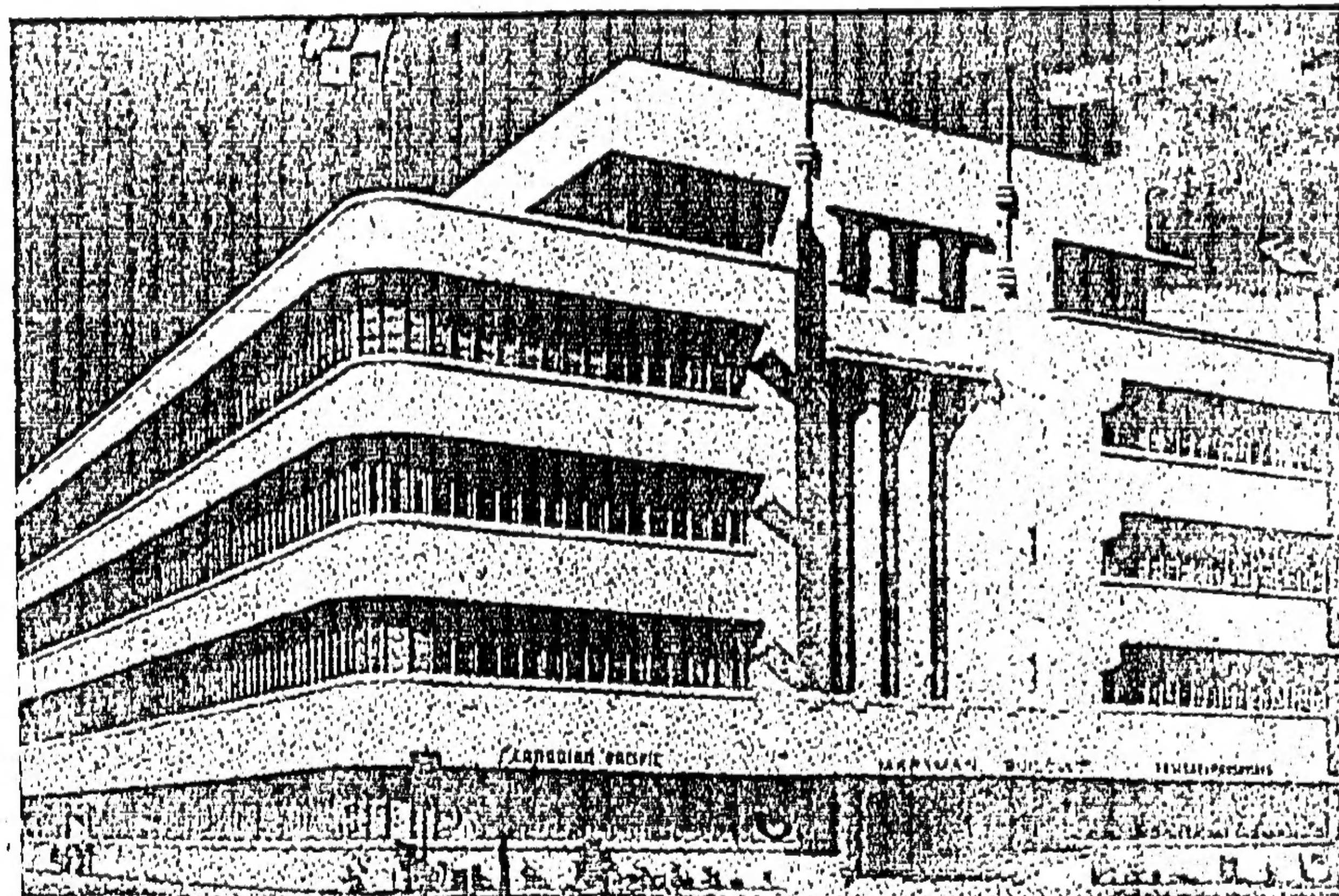


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Chubb Wall Safes are adaptable for a number of purposes. With coin slots and suitable lettering added, they are ideal boxes for use in Churches, schools, etc. Size One is 3½" high x 8¾" wide x 4 1/8" deep, and larger ones can be fitted.

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SKILLED WORKMEN LEAVING

Motor manufacturers in England are seriously perturbed by the drift of skilled fitters and craftsmen from their factories. A considerable number of these men are becoming free-lance repairers, and mushroom enterprises are springing up in many areas near car manufacturing plants.

Acute shortage of spare parts has accelerated this trend, for a mechanic who can turn his hand to panel beating or turning up a component on a lathe can find ample scope for his ability and skill. High prices are willingly paid — usually in notes — to these two-or-three men businesses by people who are desperate to keep their vehicles on the road.

Several of these enterprises were started as Saturday-morning occupations when the five-day week was introduced. They have proved so profitable that they have become full-time jobs for artisans who have been irritated by short-time working in factories and who cannot be effectively employed in garages and repair shops because of lack of spare parts. It is computed that there are orders outstanding in the motor industry today for more than £2,000,000 worth of spares.

Life Of A Car

The average "service" life of cars has gone up from five to over 10 years. Emphasis on the production of complete vehicles for export prevents material being allocated for the manufacture of spares. Before the war, the unit replacement of worn or defective components was widely adopted by garages; over-night change of an engine, for instance, rather than an overhaul was advocated. As a result local repairers allowed their workshop engineering capacity to diminish.

It is highly likely that the whole pattern of the car distributing and repairing industry will be revised during the next decade. Pressure to export will inevitably continue, which means that overseas considerations will play a major part in formulating manufacturers' model policy. Already the Standard Company has taken the bold step of announcing a one-model programme — a husky, four-cylinder six-seater that employs the same engine as is used in their agricultural tractor — with obvious manufacturing economies.

British research work in ship-building and engineering will be well represented. The Department of Scientific Industrial Research will have one stand where it will show new testing equipment, new materials, methods of increasing efficiency of boilers by smoke elimination, improvements in welding technique and so on.

Photographs will show methods and instruments used in assessing the finish of various surfaces. Unification of screw threads for use in the United Kingdom, the U.S.A. and Canada is another aspect of research work which will be illustrated, while two working model creep machines will indicate the importance of high temperature research now being carried out by Britain in engineering development work.

Research

Research, carried out by British research associations, will be illustrated by specially designed apparatus, models and photographic exhibits.

Typical of the items shown by individual manufacturers will be the products of one well-known English firm (Vibedens Ltd, of Vicars House, Broadway, Westminster, London) which include machinery for the manufacture of soap and ink, a bottle filling and crowning machine, variable speed gears, a model of a vibration damper box making machinery and a hardness testing machine.

This last machine, which was developed as a result of research for a thoroughly reliable and accurate method of testing hardness of metals applicable to all classes of work, is claimed entirely to eliminate the possibility of error.

Powerful Generation

The State Electricity Commission of Victoria, Australia is to erect a power station at Yallourn more powerful than any so far installed. The Commission has ordered two twin-turbine generators from the British firm. In the case of machinery for the generation of the new power

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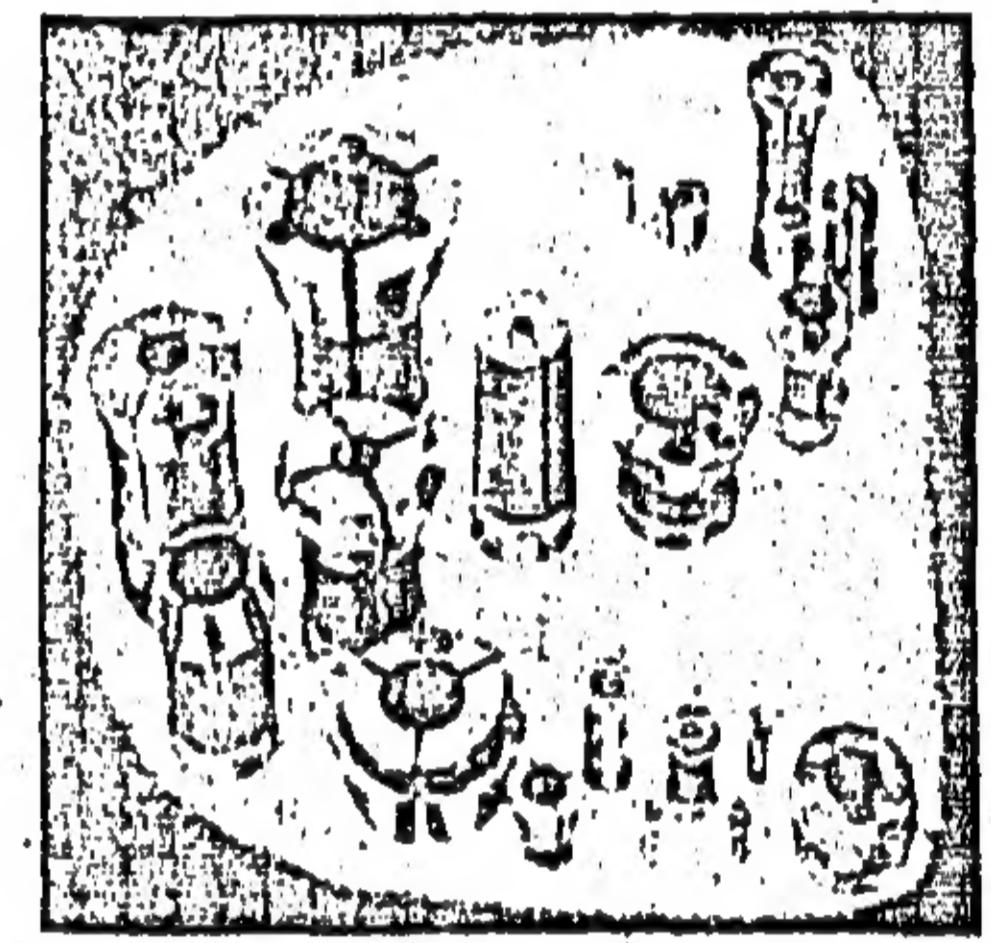
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We have been hearing in recent weeks about the "floating fair" on board the British motor vessel St. Merril, visiting ports along the East Coast of South America and showing Britain's post-war goods.

This first mobile fair has now come to an end with a million pounds' worth of orders to its credit. When repeat orders come in the organisers estimate that the total value will be in the region of £3 million.

The floating fair was particularly well organised and everything for which there could possibly be a demand overseas was shown on board — pianos, knife grinders, hair-curlers and every other imaginable thing, including products from a number of British firms, not previously represented in South America, but for whose goods there is a good market as the orders prove.

This first mobile fair has proved so successful that it will be repeated again next year but on a considerably larger scale.

The jute plant's fondness for damp heat, plus availability of cheap labour, makes the fiber a virtual monopoly for Bengal, says the National Geographic Society.

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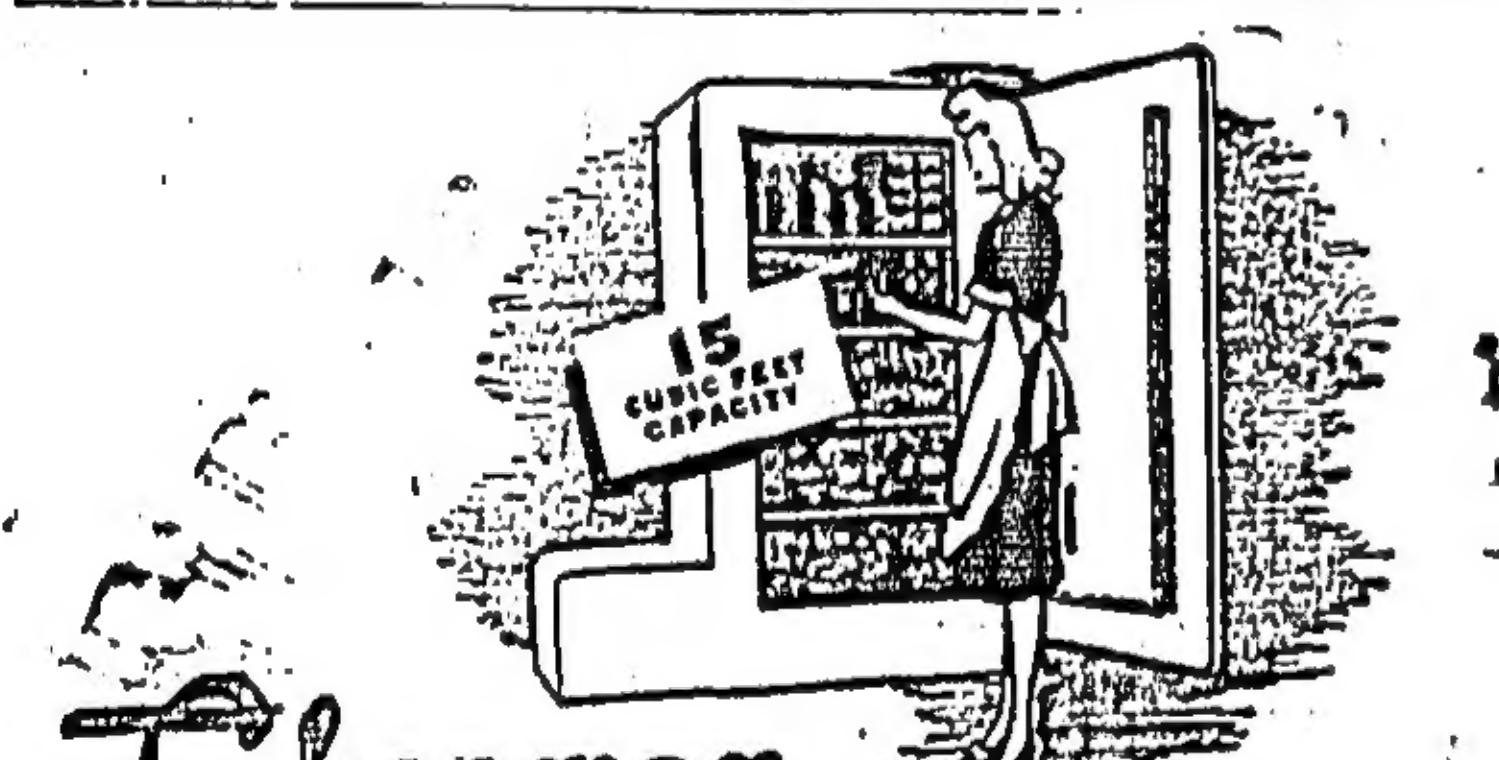
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When the punched cards are completed, the robot takes the spotlight. He is similar to many of the business machines used in offices. The punched cards are fed to him. He digests the statistics, adds, subtracts, divides, and multiplies. Then he turns out his map.

It may contain the names of 50 or more towns in a certain region. Beside each town the robot has printed a numeral. The number beside one city may be "60." This means the chances are 50 to 1 the weather will be suitable for the business project that is being studied.

Vital Need

The method in some instances has been found 90 per cent accurate. Its possibilities for farmers, businessmen, and industrialists seem virtually unlimited.

Data Assembled

To obtain the weather pattern for any locality, a team of meteorologists assembles the data concerning that locality on punched cards.

The cards may contain such

information as extremes of temperature, ranges of humidity, winds, solar energy, dust content of the air, rainfall, depth of snow, or combinations of wind, ice and snow.

Weathermen long ago recognized their value in estimating future-weather patterns, but it was an almost impossible task to use them on a wide scale when pen and pencil or adding machine methods alone were available. A complicated problem might have taken months when weeks counted.

Now it will be possible to carry on studies on a wholesale basis. The service is being developed slowly, however, and it will be a long time before it can be widely expanded.

The chief of this new section, Dr. Woodrow C. Jacobs, was the chief civilian meteorologist for the U.S. Army weather service during the war.

Military leaders who wanted to save men in beach landings and win air battles demanded to know far in advance what the weather risks would be.

The Allied High Command wanted to know, as early as 1942, where and when the best weather conditions would prevail for an invasion of the Continent.

Eisenhower Helped

Dr. Jacobs says the climatologists, armed with European weather records, were able to tell Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower the odds were 24 to 1 against "ideal" conditions for a Normandy landing in May, 13 to 1 in June, and 50 to 1 in July.

By the time the Allied armies were ready for the invasion in 1944, the generals had had their weather information for months. They waited until the last day in the "favourable-weather" period designated by the climatologists, June 6. Dr. Jacobs says the weather behaved in just the way the weathermen had predicted.

This freshly developed skill also greatly increased airmen's chances of good weather over targets. The weathermen were quick to realize it also could help businessmen and farmers in peace-time.

Forecasts

Dr. Jacobs emphasizes that this new climatological service has nothing to do with another department—the Weather Bureau has set up. The job of this other department is long-range forecasting. It forecasts the weather days in advance.

The climatological service doesn't pretend to be able to say, weeks ahead, that it will or will not rain on a given day. It simply states the chances.

Only one of the machines now is at work, at New Orleans, La. Eventually it is planned to have at least seven major climatological centers, with climatologists assigned to all large cities. It may take 10 years to expand to that size.

Because this service isn't of benefit to the whole public, the businessmen or the group of farmers or industrialists who want it have to pay the cost.

Just under two years ago production was nil.

The three chemists, Dr. F.H. Curt, Dr. D.G. Davy and Dr. F.L. Rose, to whose joint research work the world is indebted for this wonder drug, have been awarded the British Society of Apothecaries' Gold Medal.

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INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRONICS

A Specialised Branch Of Electrical Engineering

First some approach towards a definition. What is meant by Electronics? Spelt with a capital E, and illuminated by imaginative journalism, vivid if not very technical, Electronics is almost anything you wish. It is a magic carpet, transport to the brave new world. It is Alladin's lamp, brand new in the shape of a little radio valve. And so on.

All these metaphors carry their weight of partial truth, for much of electronics, still being developed from day to day, appears both novel in conception and—as it really is—quite remarkable in its wide sphere of application. But to the man with more practical interest, the industrial engineer and the business man, all these highly coloured definitions and descriptions are apt to be a little distasteful. Worse, they are unhelpful because they invest what is an important branch of applied science with something of the glamour more appropriate to the film star.

So for the hard-headed man that sort of stuff will not do. Better, for the first grasping after a definition, to seize upon that phrase "an important branch of applied science." Important, be it added here, not only for what it offers as immediate utility, but for the way in which it enriches all the sciences from which it has sprung.

If electronics be understood, then, as a specialised branch or extension of the ordinary electrical engineering which is already so familiar, at once a better perspective will have been obtained. It is a branch in which practical development was late; it seems almost an addition to the main body of electrical engineering. But further knowledge will show all the physical sciences to be interconnected, and early and late through the accidents of time.

Nevertheless, by defining electronics as part of that larger science in which electricity is harnessed to serve the will of man, one has only begged another and larger question—what is electricity? It all becomes rather reminiscent of the old belief which held that the world was supported on the back of a mighty elephant. The problem of a support for the elephant was readily solved—he stood patiently upon a giant tortoise.

Electricity, fortunately, yields somewhat more satisfying answers, since for more than two thousand years philosophers and scientists have not only theorised upon the subject, but have destroyed and rebuilt their theories, each step leading forward to new and more refined instruments to prise out the still hidden secrets. Today a great mass of knowledge exists.

Knowledge of the nature of things—mass, motion, radiation and time itself. The platform upon which the tortoise stands is certainly not the object of the scientist's search today—it is a search for an all-embracing interpretation of the way matter as we know it performs. And it is electricity in particular which gives cohesion to this interpretation, making it applicable to the study of living matter or to the difference, say, between a piece of granite and a pound of super-heated steam.

Man has, first, his five senses to guide him in making a catalogue of nature. Very useful senses, but sometimes unreliable and far from constant as between one individual and the next. He has also fine balances and microscopes, great astronomical telescopes and a whole host of similar extensions of his own power. With these he has built up his picture of the universe, but he has succeeded in completing it only by turning from the immense to the minute, to the smallest possible particles, so small that though their presence may be traced, they themselves have never been seen.

Enter It

Now by far the best way of understanding the wonderland of the infinitely small is to enter it and look around for oneself. This, it will readily be understood, can hardly be done in practice, but application may well be made to Alice, a young girl quite experienced in the exploration of Wonderland. Alice, it may perhaps be remembered, found a cake and a potion, one of which made her grow bigger, the other smaller and smaller. For the exploration in clouds about them, the most striking discovery is that all the specks of negative electricity are identical, quite regardless of the type of atom to which they belong. They are the electrons, formally announced to

and without railway! But with that electronic knowledge, however, even the best analogies are unnecessary.

The flow of electrons in a conductor is the current. Electrons can be made to leave a material—as already described, for instance, by the agitating influence of heat. The free negative charges can be attracted and can be sped across a vacuum and can be collected by a positively charged plate, bringing them back once more into the metallic circuit. The flow of electrons in the vacuum is the current... This is a simple and straightforward account of the general trend.

This increase in world demand, which is also an open acknowledgement of the quality of these British products, holds equally good for other instruments, which have been greatly developed as a result of research and improved methods of manufacture.

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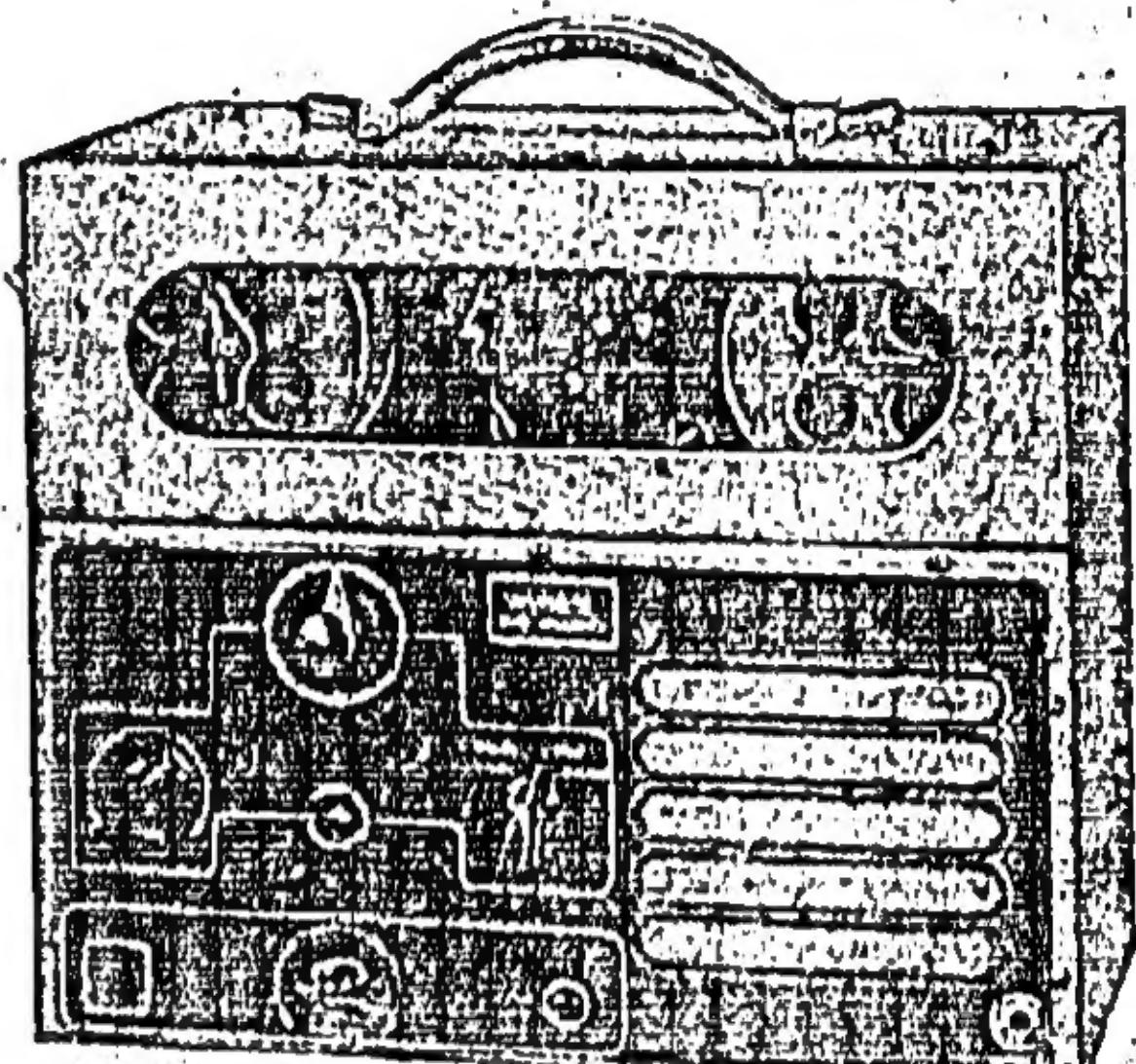
Scientific instruments are in demand throughout the world in greater numbers than before World War II, as war-time discoveries have produced many valuable innovations, of all kinds in this sphere, and the production of scientific instruments has increased four-fold.

The official figures for the export from Britain of these articles during the first four months of this year recently have been issued. The production figures for the corresponding four months of 1938 are quoted in a table in brackets.

Medical and surgical instruments exported totalled a value of £102,986 (£32,523), photographic £123,083 (£30,980), cinematographic and talkie apparatus £66,742 (£10,000), and optical instruments, including camera lenses, £223,257 (£54,343). These are only some of the most important figures quoted to show the general trend.

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London, Aug. 19. Britain is expected to get about £4,000,000 a year under the terms of a big Bermuda hotel deal, it was officially announced in London today.

The Hilton Hotel Corporation, America's largest hotel group, has completed arrangements to acquire a majority of the common stock of the Bermuda Development Company Limited, the London shipping firm of Burnes, Withy Company Limited.

The Bermuda Development Company's assets comprise the island's leading hotel—the Castle Harbour (most modern of the group), the Bermuda, the Saint Georges Hotel Beach and Golf Club, and the famous MidOcean Golf Club.

The Hilton Hotel Corporation group includes the Atlas Corporation, Pan American Airways, and Sir William Stephenson and As.

Mr. C. M. Hilton, the President of the Hilton group, said in an interview that his corporation would do everything possible to increase Bermuda's popularity as a holiday resort. The new hotel managers would complete the current planning before announcing opening date of the Bermudians and the Castle Harbour, which have been closed since the end of the war.—Reuter.

**NEW EMPIRE
SPOKESMAN**

London, Aug. 19. The appointment of a new British Commonwealth representative on the Allied Council in Tokyo is likely to be settled at the forthcoming Commonwealth Conference due to open on Monday.

Britain has now received from Tokyo a full account of the reasons which led to the resignation of the Australian member, Mr. MacMahon Ball, who represented the British Commonwealth in Tokyo.—Reuter.

Conspiracy

On the date, Lau Tung, scavenging lorry driver, Leung Ming, Fung Tak, Teo Ho and Kwu Sing, sanitary coolies, pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiring between March 15 and July 15 to receive \$10 monthly from Tsung Wai for the removal of garbage from the ground floor of 14 Shantung Street. They were then not legally represented.

At the last hearing on Aug. 12, Mr. Russ contended that it was not a criminal offence for a Government servant to accept a gratuity for extra work done, and that the defendants should have been dealt with departmentally instead of in a Police Court.

He submitted that it was a

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Kowloon Unit Appeal

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collateral matter and are explainable by unwillingness on the part of Mok Kuen to accept the role of organizer of the gambling school and a desire on the part of others to shield him. There are, however, other inconsistencies which go closer to the root of the matter which is the demand for \$30.

"The position of an appellate court on appeal from a judge alone has been recently redefined by the House of Lords in Watt v. Thomas (1947) 1 A.C. 582. The headnote opens: 'Where a question of fact has been tried by a judge without a jury and there is no question of misdirection of himself by the judge an appellate court which is disposed to come to a different conclusion on the evidence should not do so unless it is satisfied that any advantage enjoyed by the trial judge by reason of having seen and heard the witnesses could not be sufficient to explain or justify the judge's conclusion.'

"On consideration of the case before me, I think that the advantage enjoyed by the Magistrate of seeing and hearing the witnesses was a particularly decided one. The witnesses were numerous and the cross-examination long and rigorous. The Magistrate obviously gave the case close and detailed attention. The contradictions in the Crown evidence cannot have escaped his attention and, indeed, are referred to generally in his judgment; in convicting the accused in spite of them he must have relied upon his observations and impressions of the various witnesses who included, of course, the accused themselves. Whatever may be the conclusion that this Court might have reached from a mere perusal of the record the Court cannot say that the advantage enjoyed by the Magistrate could not justify his conclusion."

"The appeal therefore fails on both ground."

S. AFRICA LOSES SIX FOR 294 IN 5th TEST PLAY

Overseas Chinese Remittances

Shanghai, Aug. 20.
Overseas Chinese remittances to China through Government-appointed banks will henceforth be exempted from remittance fees, according to regulations embodied in the Chinese Government's new foreign exchange policy.—Central News.

Olympic Games Plans

London, Aug. 20.
Britain's organizing committee for the Olympic Games of 1948 has virtually solved its problem of how to house the 6,500 athletes expected here for the Games.

Specific accommodations for the various teams have not finally been allocated, but it will not be surprising to find American, Canadian and some continental groups housed at the Royal Air Force depot at Uxbridge, with Scandinavian teams in the one time army camp in the wide open spaces of Richmond Park.

Representatives of many countries to participate in the games have been taken around the various sites by British Olympic officials, and steps will be taken to place teams as far as possible on the sites for which foreign representatives expressed a preference.

Arrangements have already been completed for the London passenger transport board to provide motor buses to take competitors to and from their camping sites to Wembley, the white city and other places where the events will be decided.

Lancashire Downs Nottingham By 84

London, Aug. 19.
The most exciting finish of the day in the County cricket programme was Lancashire's defeat of Nottinghamshire by 84 runs.

Set to get 251 runs for victory in two hours five minutes, Notts started in grand fashion, with Joe Hardstaff and W. Sime scoring

American Baseball

New York, Aug. 19.
Results of Major League games played today:

National League

	R. H. E.
Chicago Cubs	1 6 9
Philadelphia Phillies	8 10 1
Cubs: p. Bowrey; c. Scheffing; Phillips: p. Heintzman; c. Padgett.	
Chicago Cubs (2nd game) 2 8 0	
Philadelphia Phillies 8 11 0	
Cubs: p. Ladd; Meers; c. McCullough.	
Phillies: p. Rowe; c. Seminick.	
St. Louis Cardinals 11 0 0	
Brooklyn Dodgers 3 12 2	
Cardinals: p. Brasel; c. Rice.	
Dodgers: p. Hatten; Behrman; Dockins; Barney; c. Edward; Bragan.	

American League

	R. H. E.
New York Yankees 1 7 0	
Detroit Tigers 2 8 1	
Yankees: p. Reynolds; c. Houk; Tigers: p. Overmire; c. Swift.	
Washington Senators 2 9 2	
Cleveland Indians 13 17 0	
Senators: p. Manserson; Canдин; c. Ferrill.	
Indians: p. Harder; Stephens; Klemann; c. Hegan.	
United Press.	

Army Cricket Fixtures

The following are the Army Cricket Fixtures for the first half of the season:

- Oct. 12—v. Navy (Stockuppon).
- Oct. 18/19—v. H.K.C.C. (Club).
- Oct. 20—v. University (Stockuppon).
- Nov. 4—v. Club Rosario (Stockuppon).
- Nov. 10—v. I.R.C. (Stockuppon).
- Nov. 22—v. V.R.A.F. (Stockuppon).
- Nov. 29—v. R.A.F. (Stockuppon).
- Dec. 4—v. R.O.C. (K.C.C.).
- Dec. 8—v. Navy (Stockuppon).

England finished in a strong position against South Africa at the end of the third day's play in the fifth and final Test match of the series but when play stopped for the tea interval yesterday South Africa had lost six wickets for 294 runs.

Declaring at 325 for six wickets in their second innings, England gave the South Africans the task of obtaining 451 runs for victory. With only eight runs on the scoreboard, the tourists were one wicket down at the close of play.

Denis Compton hit his 14th century of the season in scoring 113 in 100 minutes by brilliant stroke play.

This was his fifth century in successive matches and his fourth in the present Test series.

The present scorecard reads: England 427 and 325 for six declared. South Africans 302 and 8 for one wicket.

England, going out for quick runs in order to establish a commanding lead for declaration to-night, lost five wickets for 197 runs in 136 minutes after lunch, when 20,000 people watched the game.

England were 210 for five at ten when they led by 335 runs.

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